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The reply brief filed 21 March 2007 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Additionally, attached is an updated final page of the Examiner's Answer 2/22/07, now initialed by the examiner. Also attached is an updated IDS 6/7/04 now including the date of consideration.

The appellant should direct any further questions to Thomas B. Will at 571-272-6998.



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(11) Related Proceeding(s) Appendix


No decision rendered by a court or the Board is identified by the examiner in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of this examiner's answer.


For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.


Respectfully submitted,

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